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IRIS

12th Year FOR THIS Guarantee

OUR UNIQUE GUARANTEE

We will replace with three, every plant blooming untrue to description

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IRIS

Reddish Purple

KOCHI, 23 inches May 27
S. & F. deepest purple. Falls have a translucent black coating. The buds are soot black. Absolutely indispensable. Increases fast. Syn. Black Prince or Atropurpurea.
1 root, 35c; 5 at 25c each; 25 at 20c each.

CAPRICE, 26 inches June 4
S. & F. a delicate purple. A little lighter shade than that of Edouard Michel. Has a grape juice fragrance.
1 root, 25c; 5 at 15c each; 25 at 10c each.

PARC DE NEUILLY, 28 inches, June 7
S. & F. a very dark navy blue of reddish tinge. Large flowers of perfect form carried well. Most floriferous.
1 root, 50c; 5 at 40c each; 25 at 30c each.

MONSIGNOR, 26 inches June 9
The violet rays of the standards enliven the clerical velvety crimson falls, whose very dark veinings add dignity to the whole. Massive and imposing.
1 root, 35c; 5 at 25c each; 25 at 20c each.

EDOUARD MICHEL, 32 inches, June 13
S. & F. unusual shade of intense reddish purple.
Single root, \$3.00.

Blue Lilac

GERTRUDE, 34 inches June 4
S. & F. same shade, clear violet blue. Unexcelled for house decoration where a uniform shade is desired. Peterson variety.
1 root, 35c; 5 at 25c each; 25 at 20c each.

GOVERNOR HUGHES, 28 inches June 4
S. deep violet tinged with red, F. still deeper shade. Very large orange beard, much heavier than on any other sort. Delightfully fragrant. Fryer variety.
Single root, \$3.00.

PALLIDA DALMATICA, 40 inches June 7
S. & F. delicate lavender with blue reflections. A pastel shade much sought for, with broad grayish foliage. Our tallest sort.
1 root, 35c; 5 at 25c each; 25 at 20c each.

ORIENTALIS, 26 inches June 10
S. & F. intense deep blue with narrow foliage. The only Siberian iris we carry and an improvement on the common type. Very suitable for natural planting.
1 root, 25c; 5 at 15c each; 25 at 10c each.

Pink Lilac

MRS. ALAN GRAY, 24 inches, May 29
S. & F. delicate orchid pink. Charming flowers of neat form.
1 root, 50c; 5 at 40c each; 25 at 30c each.

LOHENGRIN, 33 inches June 2
S. & F. pink silver mauve, shading nearly to white. A tall, strong grower with wide leaves.
1 root, 35c; 5 at 25c each; 25 at 20c each.

ISOLINE, 36 inches June 8
S. opalescent lilac 3 inches long, surmounting an apron of 3/4 inch mauve falls. A striking combination, beautiful, artistic and unique.
Single root, \$1.50.

HER MAJESTY, 30 inches June 9
S. pinkish violet tourmaline, F. deeper shade heavily veined. A very sturdy sort.
1 root, 35c; 5 at 25c each; 25 at 20c each.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA, 30 inches June 10
S. rose lavender suffused with fawn, F. lilac reticulated at base with bronze. Unusual and scarce.
1 root, 50c; 5 at 40c each; 25 at 30c each.

Bronze

PROSPER LAUGIER, 30 inches, June 5
S. fiery bronze, F. velvety ruby purple, like a pansy bloom. This new "bronze" variety outclasses them all in being a clear well defined striking combination in a complete harmony of correctly blended colors. Hardest and freest blooming sort.
1 root, 50c; 5 at 40c each; 25 at 30c each.

ELDORADO, 32 inches June 6
S. fiery opalescent, F. old gold silhouetted with burnt purple. Possessing a totally distinct harmony of striking hues, perfectly blended.
1 root, 50c; 5 at 40c each; 25 at 30c each.

IRIS KOENIG, 28 inches June 7
S. old gold, F. very large velvety maroon edged with gold. Well named "The King of the Iris."
1 root, 50c; 5 at 40c each; 25 at 30c each.

W. J. FRYER, 30 inches June 12
S. large bright yellow, F. large deep maroon with narrow yellow border, center overshadowed with violet.
Single root, \$3.00.

Yellow

LORELEY, 30 inches June 2
S. breast of a wild canary, F. creamy white with purple reticulations blending into a velvety purple mass near the ends which are margined with deep canary. The best of this type and the most prolific.
1 root, 25c; 5 at 15c each; 25 at 10c each.

SHERWIN WRIGHT, 24 inches, June 3
S. & F. splendid golden yellow flowers without shading or markings. Taller than Mrs. Neubronner and the blooms are larger and distributed farther apart.
1 root, 50c; 5 at 40c each; 25 at 30c each.

VIRGINIA MOORE, 34 inches
S. & F. "yellow self, identical in color with the lemon lily." A recent acquisition whose blooming date not yet fixed.
Single root, \$3.00.

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White

FAIRY, 34 inches June 6
S. & F. resemble sun-kissed snow outlined by the faint azure of the sky. The crests of the stigmas are a most delicate lake blue with an abundant though delicate perfume suggestive of the wood nymph. The tallest approximate white.
1 root, 35c; 5 at 25c each; 25 at 20c each.

RHEIN NIXE, 36 inches June 7
S. very large and pure white, F. raspberry purple edged white. A most vigorous grower, always dependable. The only one of the white and purple bicolors worthy of being kept in our list. Originating on the Rhine, its jaunty air may have suggested its name.
1 root, 35c; 5 at 25c each; 25 at 20c each.

WHITE KNIGHT, 18 inches June 7
S. & F. absolutely snow white without markings, finely formed, delicately sweet scented. Saunders variety 1915.
Single root, \$1.50.

LA NIEGE, 20 inches June 10
S. & F. a pure waxy white without any throat veinings. Very durable when cut. Verdier variety.
Single root, \$2.00.

Frilled

MA MIE, 32 inches June 3
S. & F. pure white with ruffled border delicately penciled blue when closely observed. An improved Madame Chereau. Style arms blue.
1 root, 75c; 5 at 60c each; 25 at 50c each.

MADAME CHEREAU, 36 inches, June 7
S. white deeply and elegantly frilled lobelia blue, F. white bordered blue. Style arms bright blue. Many new frilled varieties continue to be introduced, but this one remains unsurpassed. Keeps well.
1 root, 25c; 5 at 15c each; 25 at 10c each.

PARISIANA, 28 inches June 8
S. lavender pink mottled all over, F. creamy white center very heavily bordered with lavender pink. A most striking and unusual but highly pleasing effect.
1 root, 50c; 5 at 40c each; 25 at 30c each.

MARY GARDEN, 28 inches June 9
S. "Pale yellow flushed pale lavender, F. creamy white minutely dotted and veined maroon; stigmas clear yellow." An elegant flower of distinct, iridescent effect.
1 root, 75c; 5 at 60c each; 25 at 50c each.



HE tall bearded Iris are as beautiful in form, texture and color as orchids and many are delightfully fragrant.

They are not particular as to soil but do best in a well drained location. The top of the roots should not be set more than one and a half inches below the surface of the ground. We aim to have as limited a list as possible which will embrace the desirable variations in shape, color and combination of colors, covering a long blooming period.

Tabulating Varieties

In making a division by color, we first separated the decided shades, like purple, lilac, yellow and white. So many desirable yellows and smoke or bronze sorts appeared that all not really yellow were put together in a class as bronze. For the same reason the lilac shades were divided into blue lilac and pink lilac. Finally those not included with the others, having a light colored ground variously mottled or penciled, for want of a better name were called "frilled." The universally known Madame Chereau belongs to this class.

When the standards vary from the falls the bloom is classified according to the standards. A preference is given to those whose standards and falls are of a general similar shade, as when massed they best carry out a decorative color scheme, though some representatives of two-color effects, like Rhein Nixe are retained.

In each of these seven color divisions we install in their relative order of blooming the absolutely unassailable varieties. Each new candidate must demonstrate its individual merit as a novelty or its superiority over a kind now on the list, to be accepted. The favorable traits considered are, good foliage, strong, straight stems, freedom of blooming, size of single flower, lasting qualities, fragrance, being fast multipliers and having hardy constitutions.

Elimination

Take Iris Cordelia, a choice, rich purple of the same shade and effect as Monsignor; when they are blooming side by side people always prefer Monsignor. We therefore, after growing Cordelia for five years, sold out our complete stock.

Albert Victor and other forms of the pallidas are so similar to the stalwart dalmatica that they are not needed.

The list of frilled sorts is culled from thirty different forms, all pleasing but not essential.

A delicate pastel shade like Cherubim soon bleaches in the field to white and gives way to Lohengrin which is more enduring.

From among the large number of new iris that we are studying we soon expect to offer some twenty improved varieties that outclass all that have gone before.

Descriptions

In the brief descriptions given, "S" indicates the erect petals or standards, "F" the drooping petals or falls. An iris plant generally blooms for two weeks and the inches mentioned designate the height to the top of the bloom. The date given is the day it began blooming with us last year. Read down the column for all of same color.

Prices

The prices quoted are for **strong blooming single roots**.

Where customers want more than one of a kind and take advantage of the reduced rate per five, we will ship undivided clumps wherever this is possible. Less than five single roots of one kind will be priced at the single rate and under twenty-five roots at the five root rate.

Iris Collections

Collection A

One strong blooming root each of the following twenty varieties, amounting to \$7.70, for **\$6.00**.

Kochi	Prosper Laugier
Caprice	Eldorado
Parc de Neuilly	Iris Koenig
Monsignor	Loreley
Gertrude	Sherwin Wright
Pallida Dalmatica	Queen Alexandra
Orientalis	Fairy
Mrs. Alan Gray	Rhein Nixe
Lohengrin	Madame Chereau
Her Majesty	Parisiana

Collection B

Five strong blooming roots each of the same twenty varieties, amounting to \$28.50, even at the five root rate, for **\$20.00**.

These \$6.00 and \$20.00 collections may be included with other Peonies and Iris to make the order large enough to be subject to the additional discounts.

TERMS and DISCOUNTS

New customers, cash with order or before shipment is made, or satisfactory reference. An order for peonies, each plant not costing over \$5.00 each, selected from this folder or for iris, is subject to the following discounts:

5 per cent on orders from \$ 25.00 to \$ 50.00
10 per cent on orders from 50.00 to 100.00
15 per cent on orders from 100.00 and up

No order accepted for less than \$5.00.
No charge for packing.

We begin filling orders about August 25th. All shipments made at purchaser's risk and if shipping instructions are not given, we use our best judgment.

Small orders can go by parcel post if a sufficient sum is added to cover postage, the unused balance will be returned.

TO THE TRADE: Ask for wholesale list.

SHIPPING SEASON

Iris can be moved any time except when the ground is frozen or while blooming, but the most favorable time is in August and September when they are dormant. If late in the fall protect with a mulch to prevent heaving by the frost.

Any Peony is much surer to bloom, and will be twenty per cent stronger, if moved in September, so that new rootlets may form before freezing down.

We do not ship peony roots in the spring.

To preserve the names make a diagram on our bill with each item numbered as planted.

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Early White Peonies

- Madame de Verneville** (Crousse 1885) 30 ins. June 12
7.9 Large, very full bomb enclosed in a row of large pure white guard petals. Four central carmine flecks with center blush when first open. Strong June-rose fragrance. Extra free bloomer and good multiplier. Fine bud. Stores well.
1 yr., 60c; 2 yr., 90c; 3 yr., \$1.40.
- Madame Emile Lemoine** (Lemoine 1899) 30 ins. June 12
8.9 Immense globular semi-rose type. Milk white, very slightly tinged flesh pink covered with minute lilac dots finishing pure white. A prolific bloomer of typical blooms even on young plants. A vigorous grower with strong stems.
Div., \$1.10; 1 yr., \$1.65; 2 yr., \$2.50; 3 yr., \$3.60.
- Duchesse de Nemours** (Calot 1856) 33 inches. June 13
8.1 Cup-shaped crown, sulphur white with greenish reflex when fully open. Clear pure white with no markings. Very large guard petals. Fragrant. Wonderful buds. Very distinct.
1 yr., 60c; 2 yr., 90c; 3 yr., \$1.40.
- Festiva Maxima** (Mieliez 1851) 42 inches. June 13
9.3 Globular flower of rose type, combining enormous size with wondrous beauty, often eight inches across. Pure paper white, flecked crimson. Rose fragrance. Vigorous grower with strong stems. Undoubtedly the most popular white in existence.
1 yr., 60c; 2 yr., 90c; 3 yr., \$1.40.

Midseason White Peonies

- Monsieur Dupont** (Calot 1872) 36 inches. June 15
8.3 Very large, flat, semi-rose type. Ivory white center decidedly splashed with carmine lit up with golden stamens at base of petals. Fragrant. Erect, stiff stems, and a very free bloomer.
1 yr., 85c; 2 yr., \$1.30; 3 yr., \$1.90.
- La Lorraine** (Lemoine 1901) 32 inches. June 15
9.1 Enormous, globular flower, creamy white with a faint salmon-pink cast. A few scattering stamens enliven the open flower. Retains its beauty a long time.
1 yr., \$10.00.
- James Kelway** (Kelway 1900) 34 inches. June 16
8.7 Very large, loose semi-rose type, opening a faint flesh pink, changing to a most beautiful clear white. All the petals are very large. Very fragrant. Strong free bloomer.
Div., \$1.80; 1 yr., \$2.75; 2 yr., \$4.00.
- Le Cygne** (Lemoine 1907) 30 inches. June 16
9.9 Enormous, perfectly formed, pure milk white globe with no markings or stamens. Petals very much incurved. Very fragrant. Erect, strong stems. Several blooms on a stem. Highest ballot.
1 yr., \$25.00.
- Frances Willard** (Brand 1907) 34 inches. June 16
9.1 "A perfectly formed flower. Petals of varying size, form a very large rounded flower. Opens an exquisite blush white with an occasional carmine touch changing on the lawn to pure white." Has large petals of good substance, quite fragrant. Strong, erect stems.
1 yr., \$7.50; 2 yr., \$11.00.

Late White Peonies

- Baroness Schroeder** (Kelway 1890) 33 inches. June 17
9. Very large, globular rose type. Flesh white bud, bleaching to white when open. Vigorous grower with strong stems. The most rose-like in shape, appearance and fragrance of any white peony.
Div., \$1.10; 1 yr., \$1.65; 2 yr., \$2.50; 3 yr., \$3.60.
- Couronne d'Or** (Calot 1873) 34 inches. June 17
8.1 Extra large, flat semi-rose type. Has large petals, very compact blooms, is a splendid grower and always develops well. Ivory white with carmine flecks having a ring of yellow stamens around the center, hence its name of "Crown of Gold." Our most dependable late white cut flower. Very fragrant.
1 yr., 60c; 2 yr., 90c; 3 yr., \$1.40.
- Alsace-Lorraine** (Lemoine 1906) 30 inches. June 21
8.8 Very large, flat bloom. Petals pointed and arranged like a pond lily. Creamy white center of flower delicately tinted brownish yellow. Very striking. Vigorous grower and free bloomer.
1 yr., \$3.75; 2 yr., \$5.60; 3 yr., \$8.50.
- Enchantresse** (Lemoine 1903) 36 inches. June 22
8.8 Very large, globular, compact rose type. Creamy white, guards splashed crimson, center faintly flecked crimson. Fragrant. Erect, strong grower.
1 yr., \$6.50; 2 yr., \$10.00.
- Tourangelle** (Dessert 1910) 32 inches. June 23
9.4 Very large, flat flower of rose type. A delicate shade of buff with salmon tints. A very distinct fresh color. Must be well established to get best results. A very fine bud.
1 yr., \$10.00; 2 yr., \$15.00.
- Solange** (Lemoine 1907) 32 inches. June 25
9.7 A very large, compact, perfect formed rose type. Outer petals delicate lilac waxy white, deepening toward the center, with salmon shading. Very strong, erect grower. Free bloomer. One of the finest in existence.
Div., \$7.00; 1 yr., \$10.00; 2 yr., \$15.00; 3 yr., \$22.00.

Early Light Pink Peonies

- Octavie Demay** (Calot 1867) 26 inches. June 11
8.5 Very large, flat crown. Guard and center pale hydrangea pink, collar almost white. Fragrant. Strong stems. Very free. Dwarf habit but leaf stalks very long, admits cutting with long stem.
Div., 85c; 1 yr., \$1.35; 2 yr., \$2.10; 3 yr., \$3.10.
- Delicatissima** (Unknown) 32 inches. June 12
7.6 Full rose type. Pale lilac rose enclosed in large guard petals. A strong grower. Extra good keeper and shipper. Known locally as the "L.L.L. Pink." Syn. Floral Treasure.
1 yr., 60c; 2 yr., 90c; 3 yr., \$1.40.
- Therese** (Dessert 1904) 30 inches. June 13
9.8 Enormous compact rose type, developing later a high crown. Satiny pink changing to lilac white in the center with a glossy reflex. Erect strong grower and produces typical large flowers on young plants. Undoubtedly the most beautiful peony yet produced.
Div., \$4.30; 1 yr., \$6.50; 2 yr., \$10.00; 3 yr., \$15.50.
- Venus** (Kelway) 36 inches. June 13
8.3 Large, compact crown, pale hydrangea pink, large petals with extra large guard-petals making it the best pink bud for cutting. Rose fragrance. Erect and very free. Good keeper.
1 yr., \$1.10; 2 yr., \$1.60; 3 yr., \$2.40.

Midseason Light Pink Peonies

- Eugenie Verdier** (Calot 1864) 40 inches. June 14
8.6 Large, flat semi-rose type. Pale hydrangea pink. Fragrant. Erect. Free bloomer. One of the showiest and most beautiful baby pinks. Remains a long time in bloom.
1 yr., \$1.10; 2 yr., \$1.60; 3 yr., \$2.40.
- Reine Hortense** (Calot 1857) 34 inches. June 16
8.7 Enormous compact flat flower of soft flesh color deepening to shell pink. Center showing crimson splashes. There are faint stripes on the face of the petals. Well formed, very striking. Deliciously fragrant. A vigorous strong grower and profuse bloomer. Syn. President Taft.
1 yr., \$2.75; 2 yr., \$4.00.
- Marie Crousse** (Crousse 1892) 33 inches. June 16
8.9 Very large, loose bomb. Large petals. Delicate fresh salmon rose color. Wonderful bud. Fragrant. Free bloomer on stiff stems.
Div., \$1.80; 1 yr., \$2.75; 2 yr., \$4.00; 3 yr., \$6.00.
- Albert Crousse** (Crousse 1893) 32 inches. June 16
8.6 Very large, flat compact bomb. Seashell salmon pink, flecked crimson. Fragrant. Erect. Free. Is colored, formed and with imbricated petals like a big carnation.
1 yr., \$1.10; 2 yr., \$1.60; 3 yr., \$2.40.

Late Light Pink Peonies

- Henry Avery** (Brand 1907) 30 inches. June 19
8.5 Large crown type with guard of large, light shell pink petals, then three rows of short yellowish green petals around a center of large guard petals producing a most pleasing and striking effect. Fragrant. Erect grower, blooming in clusters.
1 yr., \$10.00; 2 yr., \$15.00.
- Pierre Duchartre** (Crousse 1895) 28 inches. June 19
8.2 Large, compact rose type. Delicate flesh pink. Fragrant. Strong stem. Very free bloomer even on young plants. A light pink on the order of Claire Dubois.
Div., 85c; 1 yr., \$1.35; 2 yr., \$2.10; 3 yr., \$3.10.
- Phoebe Carey** (Brand 1907) 36 inches. June 22
8.8 Large, flat, slightly cupped rose type. Soft lavender pink with darker shade in center. Very fragrant. Erect, strong grower, free bloomer. A very high class bloom.
1 yr., \$10.00; 2 yr., \$15.00; 3 yr., \$22.00.
- Loveliness** (Hollis 1907) 30 inches. June 22
8.8 Large, compact flower of rose type. Exquisite flesh tinted shade of pink. Robust grower. Free and very fragrant. Hollis' best seedling.
1 yr., \$10.00; 2 yr., \$15.00.
- Rosa Bonheur** (Dessert 1905) 28 inches. June 23
9. Very large, flat, rose type with wide imbricated petals. Light violet rose colored guards, flecked crimson. Sturdy stalk, free, blooms in clusters.
1 yr., \$6.50; 2 yr., \$10.00.
- Grandiflora** (Richardson 1883) 36 inches. June 26
8.8 Immense, flat rose type. Petals all same size and shade of seashell pink, compactly double. Very fragrant. Curved stems. Very free. The last of any peony in our collection to bloom and continues for three full weeks. A gem in a class by itself.
Div., \$1.10; 1 yr., \$1.65; 2 yr., \$2.50; 3 yr., \$3.60.

Early Dark Pink Peonies

- M. Jules Elie** (Crousse 1888) 32 inches. June 11
9.2 Immense compact, very full, high bomb of incurved chrysanthemum-like petals set on a large overlapping guard of wide petals. All an even shade of glossy lilac pink. Very full. Very fragrant. Strong, erect stems. A universal favorite as the ballot indicates.
Div., \$1.10; 1 yr., \$1.65; 2 yr., \$2.50; 3 yr., \$3.60.
- Lamartine** (Calot 1860) 36 inches. June 11
8.3 Very large, flat rose type. Pale lilac rose with a darker center. Absolutely double and must not be cut before at least half open to have it develop to its full size. Also called "Gigantea" because the blooms are so tremendous. Multiplies slowly so as to support its blooms which often bend the stem some. Unique and decided cinnamon fragrance.
1 yr., \$1.10.
- Modeste Guerin** (Guerin 1845) 30 inches. June 13
7.8 Large, compact, typical bomb with large guard. The darkest of the pinks. Very full. Very fragrant, strong, erect stems, free bloomer. Often called "The American Beauty Peony" because of its shade and fragrance.
1 yr., \$1.10; 2 yr., \$1.60; 3 yr., \$2.40.

Midseason Dark Pink Peonies

- Ruth Brand** (Brand 1907) 32 inches. June 15
8.1 "Very large, compact bomb, guard petals prominent, enclosing a grand ball of lavender pink petals." Very full. Fragrant. One bloom to a stem. The best midseason deep pink bomb.
Div., \$1.80; 1 yr., \$2.75; 2 yr., \$4.00; 3 yr., \$6.00.
- Claire Dubois** (Crousse 1886) 30 inches. June 15
8.7 Mammoth globular rose type. Clear deep violet rose. Delicate fragrance. Erect, strong grower, free bloomer. For traveling long distances and lasting a great while when cut and still develop to its prime, it has no equal.
Div., 85c; 1 yr., \$1.35; 2 yr., \$2.10; 3 yr., \$3.10.
- Walter Faxon** (Richardson) 30 inches. June 16
9.3 Fairly large, globular flower of uniform pure light salmon pink, deepening toward the center. An unusual shade among peonies. Very distinct and highly desirable. Free bloomer. Very full.
1 yr., \$7.50; 2 yr., \$11.00; 3 yr., \$17.00.
- La Fee** (Lemoine 1906) 30 inches. June 16
9.2 Very large, compact, globular flower. Rose pink with creamy white collar. Long petals. Strong grower, free bloomer. Very fragrant.
1 yr., \$12.00.

Late Dark Pink Peonies

- Sarah Bernhardt** (Lemoine 1906) 30 inches. June 17
9. Large, well formed, semi-rose type. Apple blossom pink with each petal silver tipped. Few stamens. Agreeable fragrance. Strongest grower, very free with flowers in huge clusters. Very full. A most satisfactory sort in every particular.
1 yr., \$3.75; 2 yr., \$5.60; 3 yr., \$8.50.
- Livingstone** (Crousse 1879) 36 inches. June 20
8.1 An immense compact flower of perfect rose type. Pale lilac tipped silver, center petals flecked carmine. Sturdy stems. Free blooming, but multiplies slowly. Remarkable buds. Good shipper and keeper. Very full and massive.
Div., 85c; 1 yr., \$1.35; 2 yr., \$2.10; 3 yr., \$3.10.
- La France** (Lemoine 1901) 30 inches. June 24
9. Enormous full, rather flat, perfectly double globular flowers of rose type. Soft rose pink deeper at base of petals, finishing apple blossom pink. Erect, very fragrant. Outer guard petals splashed carmine. Very massive, strong grower.
1 yr., \$10.00.

Best Single White Peony

- Albiflora, The Bride**, 32 inches. June 12
8.4 Very large, early, fine, paper white peony. Single row of wide petals encircling a mass of long golden pollen-bearing stamens, resembling, and with fragrance of a pond lily. Strong grower, of spreading habit, blooming freely in clusters, holding long. Blooms often measuring eight inches across. Syn. La Fiancee Dessert 1902 or Snowflake Kelway.
Div., 85c; 1 yr., \$1.35; 2 yr., \$2.10; 3 yr., \$3.10.

Best Single Pink Peony

- Clio** (Peterson 1901) 28 inches. June 13
Large, cup shaped single pink peony of enough intensity of color to not bleach to white before falling. Single row of wide petals encircling a mass of long golden pollen-bearing stamens, with pond lily fragrance. Erect, vigorous grower. Blooms freely in clusters.
Div., \$1.10; 1 yr., \$1.65; 2 yr., \$2.50; 3 yr., \$3.60.

Early Red Peonies

- Richard Carvel** (Brand 1913) 34 inches. June 13
8.8 "Immense globular bomb. Flower bright, all one shade of crimson. Guard petals large, broad and prominent. Very stout stem, annual and profuse bloomer." Decided pleasant fragrance, which is rare among the reds.
1 yr., \$7.50; 2 yr., \$11.00; 3 yr., \$17.00.

- M. Martin Cahuzac** (Dessert 1889) 30 inches. June 13
8.8 Good sized globular semi-rose type. Large petals. Deep maroon with garnet hues. Darkest peony grown. Erect, vigorous, blooming in clusters. Few stamens. One bloom among blooms of all other reds will at once command attention. Absolutely indispensable.
Div., \$2.50; 1 yr., \$3.75; 2 yr., \$5.60; 3 yr., \$8.50.

- Augustin d'Hour** (Calot 1867) 34 inches. June 13
7.8 Very large, well formed bomb. Large guard petals. Rich, brilliant solferino red or rose red. Erect, free, fine bud, good for cold storage or shipping. Syn. Marechal MacMahon.
1 yr., \$1.10; 2 yr., \$1.60; 3 yr., \$2.40.

Midseason Red Peonies

- Karl Rosenfield** (Rosenfield 1908) 36 inches. June 14
8.8 Very large, globular, compact, semi-rose type. Large petals. "Dark velvety crimson, brilliant without a trace of purple." Very few stamens. Mild fragrance. Erect, vigorous grower, free, blooming in clusters. Lasts a long time and finishes desirably.
Div., \$1.80; 1 yr., \$2.75; 2 yr., \$4.00; 3 yr., \$6.00.
- Lord Kitchener** (Renault 1915) 30 inches. June 14
7.6 Medium size, loose bomb. Large guard petals. Brilliant cherry red. Very free. Strong grower.
1 yr., \$2.75; 2 yr., \$4.00.
- Mary Brand** (Brand 1907) 33 inches. June 15
8.7 Immense full massive bloom. Large petals. Vivid crimson. Few stamens. "Fragrance delightful and charming." Free bloomer in clusters. Strong grower.
1 yr., \$6.50; 2 yr., \$10.00.
- Felix Crousse** (Crousse 1881) 30 inches. June 15
8.4 Large, compact, globular bomb. Large guard petals. Brilliant ruby red, without any shades of violet or purple. Fragrant. Strong grower. Free. The most dependable cut flower red.
1 yr., \$1.10; 2 yr., \$1.60; 3 yr., \$2.40.

Late Red Peonies

- Delachei** (Delache 1856) 32 inches. June 17
7.1 Large, compact, semi-rose type. Large petals. Violet crimson, strong, erect, very free. The largest of all dark red peonies. Syn. Docteur Boisdual.
1 yr., 85c; 2 yr., \$1.30; 3 yr., \$1.90.
- Gloire de Touraine** (Dessert 1908) 34 inches. June 18
7.8 Medium, compact, globular bomb. Large petals. Medium, compact, globular bomb. Large petals. Brilliant, velvety, dark carmine rose. Fragrant. Erect, vigorous grower. Far superior to what its ballot would indicate.
1 yr., \$2.75.

- Philippe Rivoire** (Riviere 1911) 36 inches. June 18
9.2 Large, well formed, cup-shaped flower, rose type. Very dark amaranthine red. Tea rose fragrance. Erect, vigorous grower.
1 yr., \$25.00.

Best Red Japanese Peony

- Mikado**, 34 inches. June 16
8.6 Large, cup-shaped, Japanese red peony. Single row of wide, dark crimson petals, encircling a filigree cushion of golden petaloids, crimson edged and golden tipped. As the center has no stamens it is a double variety, but because of this single effect, this type is called Japanese, one flower to a stem. Like a giant red poppy but much more endurable. As marvelous in its way and strikingly beautiful as any peony. Introduced by us after the Chicago World's Fair, 1893, where it was exhibited by Japan.
Div., \$1.10; 1 yr., \$1.65; 2 yr., \$2.50; 3 yr., \$3.60.

Peony Culture

The soil should be rich, deep and thoroughly drained, with plenty of sunshine. Work in a large quantity of well rotted manure before planting, and apply an annual mulch in the fall without covering the top of the crown or touching the stems. Pigeon, sheep or cow manure make the best fertilizers.

Water freely during the blooming season and also toward the end of August to make large eyes for next year.

Any peony is much surer to bloom, and will be twenty per cent stronger when moved in September so new rootlets may form before freezing apart. Set the plants from three to four feet apart for permanent planting, with the eyes only two inches under the ground.

To obtain large flowers for exhibition purposes remove all lateral buds when the size of a pea, leaving only the terminal bud to develop. Remember that typical blooms are sometimes not produced for a couple of years after planting.

While blooming, an inconspicuous wire support is desirable, as a heavy rain may beat down the flowers. In order not to injure the plants when picking blooms, allow at least one and better two lateral leaves to remain on each stem after cutting, as these are the lungs of the plant.

To force blooms on an old plant that produces a lot of stalks but no satisfactory buds, scratch back the soil in September and cut off half of the eyes set for next year.

In November remove the faded foliage on peonies and iris plants so they may not interfere with next year's shoots.

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We will replace with three,
every plant blooming untrue to description

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Master List

After thirty years' study of our records of fifteen hundred varieties, our Peony Digest represents the desirable features of the double-flowing Chinese peony.

The Chicago climate is a trying one, but the fifty sorts retained have vigorous constitutions, strong, straight stems, are free-blooming with attractive buds, have large flowers, holding long and finishing desirably. Fragrant varieties are always given a preference.

The usual classification by color is white, light pink, dark pink and red and each of these four divisions has varieties that bloom at three different periods, early, midseason, and late. Hence a minimum of twelve sorts is required to start a representative collection.

Free Flowering Strain Developed

We discard in June every plant two or more years old of our standard sorts that has no flowers. This avoids the possible spread of disease and prevents the perpetuation of shy bloomers.

In Our Descriptions

The figures before the name denote the latest rating according to a ballot of the American Peony Society based on a scale of 10. The few we carry below 8 are Madame de Verneville, Delicatissima, Modeste Guerin and four red varieties. We consider these essential for storage and other qualities, which points the voters may have overlooked.

The name of the originator and the year the variety was introduced are in parenthesis. The date is the day it began blooming with us last year.

X—Best moderate priced sort in each section.

Four technical terms used in describing the types of bloom are:

Crown—Having wide petals in the center with a choker of narrow short petals, encircling same, and an outer row of large guard petals.

Bomb—All center petals of uniform width, forming a globe enclosed in a row of large guard petals.
Semi-rose—Petals all uniformly wide, interspersed with a few pollen bearing stamens.

Rose—A perfect full rose shape with no stamens.

Dividing Peonies

Cut an old plant into as many parts as can be made with two to four eyes on each. These divisions only push up one or two strong stalks the first season as the other eyes remain dormant for a year.

In our price schedule we specify a definite number of stalks for each size offered, as a two-year plant of one firm may be as large as a three-year one grown in poorer soil.

The stalks have generally borne flowers, so our system gives an idea of the probable blooms produced by each size. All but the division size are sent out as they are dug.

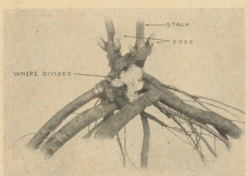
Size of Peony Roots

Division: A root with two to four eyes cut from an older plant. The size used for wholesale planting.

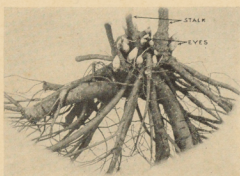
One-Year: A division root grown one year, with one or two stalks of this year's growth.

Two-Year: A root grown two years since divided, with two to five stalks.

Three-Year: A root grown three years since divided, with six or more stalks.



A division showing where cut from an older plant, with four eyes set for next year.



A two-year root with three stalks of the current year's growth and eight strong eyes.

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